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EDITORIAL NOTES.

The secretary has already sent a letter to the secretary of each component society, giving notice of the action of the House of Delegates at the last meeting, on the matter of assessment for the next year. There seems to be some little misunderstanding as to the exact situation. The fiscal year of the State Society is from the end of one annual meeting to the end of the next annual meeting. The following extract from the minutes of the Board of Trustees, January 6, 1904, will probably clear up this matter somewhat: "Moved, that the assessment of county medical societies for the year April 24, 1903, to April 21, 1904, be fixed at one dollar (\$1) per member. Carried." Under the new constitution it became the duty of the House of Delegates to fix the amount of this assessment, and they did so at the second session, Wednesday, April 20, 1904, making the assessment for the year April 21, 1904, to April 20, 1905, two dollars (\$2) per member, thus increasing it over previous years. By resolution, unanimously carried, they also made one-half of this amount payable on or before July 1, 1904, and the balance payable on or before April 1, 1905. The reason for this action is simple. In order to build up the publications and make them eventually self-supporting, they must have advertising; in order to get this advertising, an advertising solicitor must be paid a commission on his work. The Register will be brought out about the middle of September, and the money must be available for paying commissions on the advertising secured *as it is turned in*

—that is, in June and July. All commissions are payable when the contracts are *accepted*, and *not*, as many suppose, when they are *paid for*. The State Society was giving too much for the money. The dues, even at \$2, are the lowest of any State Society in the country, so far as we are aware. This was agreed to, unanimously, by the delegates. County society secretaries should take this matter up at once and have a remittance for the amount (\$1 per member; one-half the assessment for the year ending April 20, 1905) sent to the office of the State Society as soon as possible. Work has already begun on the next edition of the Register, and contracts for advertising are now being brought in. Please do not delay in attending to the matter of this modest assessment.

At the Paso Robles meeting of the State Society the new Constitution and By-Laws, practically as recommended and with only minor alterations—mostly of phraseology—was adopted. This action is exceedingly important, for many reasons. The word "regular" was stricken from the document, and the personnel of the membership in county societies is placed absolutely in the hands of each county society. Every legally qualified practitioner of medicine who does not claim to practice any "pathy," should be eligible to membership. This does not mean that every county society must elect every physician, regular, homeopathic or eclectic, to membership. It simply means that each society shall judge for itself. Each component society should now take similar action and see that the word "regular" is dropped out of its organic law. If, then, two-thirds of the members in any county society wish to elect a legally qualified physician who does not claim to practice any special school of medicine, but whose license to practice is based upon a homeopathic or an eclectic degree, they may do so. The actual facts involved are broad and plain, easily understood and not liable to misconception. Hair-splitting, as an active pastime, should be relegated to the "calomel and jalap" days of the past, or the time of the millionth dilution.

We have recently received a letter from Dr. Van Zwalenburg, of Riverside, giving some information as to the hotel accommodations at the New Glenwood Hotel, Riverside, which was chosen as the place for the next meeting of the State Society. He states that at the time of our meeting at Paso Robles the New Glenwood Hotel could have accommodated 325 additional guests, one in a room, or 400 additional, two in a room where possible. The rates next year